



Keep Hatch Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter – 19 January 2024

Calendar of Events

23rd Jan - Away football match vs Highwood

29th Jan - 2nd Feb - Intra House gymnastics

2nd Feb - Number Day (more details to follow)

Reminders/Notices

Year 4 - Winchester Science Centre:

Please complete the online ParentMail Form & make payment of £23.36 by Wednesday 31st January.

Year 5 - Ufton Court:

Please complete the online ParentMail Form & make payment of £27.40 by Tuesday 6th February

Art Competition - Please see attached letter.

Swimming Trials Flyer:

See attached .

First Days:

Please see attached flyer.

Please follow us on Facebook for regular school updates



Attendance this year: 95.3%



Thought for the Week

This week we have been exploring the power of team work with the thought for the week of: "We all do better when we work together." All children watched a video clip that illustrated how sticking together leads to better outcomes. Through discussion, we learnt that when we collaborate, share ideas, and support each other, our outcomes are much stronger and often feel good about helping others out.

Beat Boxing Workshop

Earlier this week, our Year 4 and Year 6 children were lucky enough to participate in a beatboxing workshop at St. Crispin's school organised as part of the Wokingham school cluster events. This was a fantastic addition to our enrichment activities, offering our children a chance to explore a style of music making they may have not come across before! Here is what some of our children said about the experience:

"We learnt about using our mouths to make different sounds and instrument noises"

"We learnt to make the sounds of a jack hammer and a pigeon!"

"He taught me how to make the sound of a trumpet. It was really cool!"

I would like to say a big thank you to all parent helpers who gave up their time to accompany the children to the workshop.

Young Voices Concert

Yesterday, 54 members of the Keep Hatch Choir went to the O2 in London to perform with over 8000 other children in a Young Voices concert... and what an absolutely fabulous occasion in which to participate! The children sang some incredible songs with the professional band as well as enjoying (and joining in with) performances from Urban Strides (professional street dancers); MC Grammar (a rap artist passionate about opportunities for young people); Natalie Williams (a successful soul and jazz singer); and Nandi Bushell (a 13 year old drumming phenomenon). The children sang with such enjoyment and I know that they will remember the experience for a very long time, as will all the families who went to watch in the audience!

I'd like to say a big thank you to the team of staff for all the organisation behind the scenes of the concert, and for those staff who accompanied the children on the day.

Chinese New Year

As part of our celebration of Chinese New Year this year, we are going to be creating a brand new display in school to showcase children's art work. Please find attached a letter from Miss Bahra - our Art and Design lead - with further details about how to take part.

New Starters

This week we welcomed Asees who started in Blackbirds class and Brahmleen who started in Skylarks class. They have both settled in well.

Intra House Results

Last week, the school took part in our first (slightly delayed!) Intra-house competition of the year. This was based around children learning different ball skills, such as throwing and catching, hockey, basketball, and control of a ball. They all try to earn as many points for the school house as possible. The Year 5 and 6 children volunteered to help support classes and run each station of activities by demonstrating each activity, recording the results and supporting the children. It is a great opportunity for the older children to develop their leadership skills and the younger children really enjoy working with them. All the children looked fantastic in their house colours and showed great sportsmanship. Photographs and comments from the children can be found on the website. So, now for the results-

4th Place- Armstrong

3rd Place- Sharman

2nd Place- Peake

1st Place- Jemison

Well done to all the children!

Cross Country

On Thursday, we took part in our second cross country event of the year. Children from Years 3-6 went to Braywick Leisure Centre to compete in the MOB event, this time racing against Division 2 schools, as well as schools in their own division. Despite the chilly weather and some frozen ground, the children were in high spirits and once again impressed us with how they all performed. A special thank you goes to Lacey (Y3) who agreed to step in very last minute, and to Olive (Y5) who completed her race despite losing a shoe half way round! Well done to all the children for representing the school so well! We can't wait to find out the overall results!



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Puffins	Kye for joining in group activities so well and being a very kind Puffin. Benjamin for super Maths and penguin art.
Sparrows	Liam for his super thinking in Marvellous Maths this week!
Blackbirds	Neeva for being such a good friend!
Robins	Amelie for trying really hard in number work to 20. Nancy for improving the presentation of her written work - it looks lovely!
Kingfishers	Joseph for his consistent hard-work in all areas of the curriculum and for always showing our school values. What a superstar!
Skylarks	Daisy for great independence at lunch time! Brahmleen, for joining Keep Hatch with such a positive attitude, ready to learn and make friends right away!
Cedar	Elva for her continuous hard work and enthusiasm in all her learning. Elva embodies the Keep Hatch values in everything she does!
Rowan	Owen for his enthusiastic approach to his learning in Maths. It has been lovely to see - keep it up!
Hazel	Abi and Charlie R for their excellent effort, positive learning behaviour and showing independence in every lesson. Well done!
Sycamore	Lily for demonstrating excellent learning behaviours ALL the time and for being really conscientious with her learning. Well done, Lily!
Laurel	Alfred, for a great effort in writing. Well done!
Maple	Angel-Mia for her focus and enthusiasm during music. Well done!
Mulberry	Eytan for some accurate and detailed science work this week. A super effort – well done.
Willow	Chloe – for great effort in writing to extend ideas and use good grammar and punctuation.
Oak	Lydia for some impressive demonstrations in gymnastics this week.
Headteacher's Awards	Riley (Y2) for beautiful manners towards Mrs Appleby and for working so hard in his class. All 54 children in the Keep Hatch Choir who went to the O2 all day Thursday. The behaviour from each and every child was absolutely excellent all day and their positive attitude and school values shone through—even up to the very late finish in the evening! It was a pleasure to take you all!



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